II.   AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT

Page 18, after "ABSTRACT", please amend the paragraph as shown:

~~The present invention provides a~~A data processing system is provided that can flexibly perform calculation process for an application service for which the charge calculation methods for customers are frequently changed. The ~~present invention~~ system employs a charge calculation method for which a rule is used. ~~In a conventional calculation method of table driven method, only those variable data that are required for a calculation are provided externally; whereas in the present invention, not only is such a data part provided, but also the logic part (the procedures part) of a program are externally provided as a rule.~~ Specifically, the system ~~of the invention comprises~~ includes a discount ratio designation table (discount table) and a rule management unit in which are stored rule sets for the calculation of a charge/discount ratio for a corresponding service. In accordance with the available data set for a specific customer, a corresponding rule set is examined in the discount table and is employed for an operation. Thus, even when a new service is added or when the contents of a conventional service are changed, the system can flexibly and quickly cope with this by changing the rule.